

CLOSE READING COMPREHENSIONS

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Around the world

Around the world, people celebrate Christmas in many different ways. One special tradition is decorating Christmas trees. In America, families often decorate their trees with colorful lights, shiny ornaments, and a bright star on top. In Germany, people decorate trees with candles, candies, and hard candies. In Australia, where Christmas comes in summer, some people decorate their trees with beach-themed decorations. No matter where you live, a Christmas tree brings joy and cheer.

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Christmas Trees

Every year, when winter comes and snowflakes twirl in the chilly air, families all around the world gather together to decorate their Christmas trees. These trees, often tall and proudly in homes adorned with twinkling lights, colorful ornaments, and delicate ornaments. Some families choose a tree freshly cut from the forest, while others opt for artificial ones that can be used year after year. No matter the type, the Christmas tree symbolizes love, joy, and peace during the festive season.

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Tree Lighting

Every year, when the holiday season arrives, families gather together to decorate their Christmas trees. One special tradition is the tree lighting ceremony. This is when everyone comes together to flip a switch and illuminate the tree for all to see. The twinkling lights bring joy to everyone who sees them.

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Holiday Tradition

Every year, families around the world celebrate a special holiday tradition by decorating Christmas trees. This tradition dates back hundreds of years and brings warmth to homes during the winter season. Families often gather together to choose the perfect tree, often a pine or fir, and then decorate it with colorful ornaments, lights, and a shiny star on top. Many families also place a star on the tree to be opened on Christmas morning. The Christmas tree symbolizes the spirit of giving and making it a cherished tradition for many people.

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2. Why do families put presents under the tree?
3. What does the Christmas tree symbolize?

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